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DATE: July 31, 2016

To: Great Basin Coordinating Group

From: Great Basin MAC Coordinator

Subject: Activation of the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group

Due to the large fire activity in the Great Basin and Nationally the Great Basin MAC Group was activated and is operational as of 1400 yesterday. The MAC support organization is located in Salt Lake City at the Great Basin Coordination Center.

The primary function of the MAC Group is to prioritize fires, allocate resources, and develop strategies and contingencies to address shortages of critical resources. The Great Basin MAC does not dispatch or divert initial attack resources such as smokejumpers, air tankers, lead planes, etc. and there should be no delay in processing these orders based on waiting for MAC direction.

The Great Basin MAC does not generally coordinate allocation of engines, overhead, or contracted resources but will provide assistance if requested when shortages occur. The Great Basin Coordination Centers will monitor availability and assignment of these resources.

Orders for resources should be placed through normal dispatch channels. GACCs will coordinate with the GB MAC prior to assigning, re-assigning or releasing the following:

Type 1 Crews
Type 2 IA Crews
Type 1, 2, and 3 Helicopters (CWN and Exclusive Use)

The Great Basin MAC Group will review all orders for aircraft (except heavy air tankers, lead planes and smokejumpers), Type 1 and Type 2IA crews to determine whether the request can be filled internally or should be placed to NICC.

Incidents need to ensure that they have requests in the system for critically needed resources. If the requests are UTFed, reevaluate and resubmit orders as needed.

ICS 209's for incidents with teams assigned are due by 1900 local time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 801-297-5605 or 805-501-9444 (Cell).

/s/ Derrek Hartman